

Sinclair
Broadcasting uses
the public airwaves
free of charge, and
is obligated by law
to serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we hear real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's decision
to force their
stations to air an
anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is also clear
example of the
dangers of media
consolidation.
It is also an action
dangerously close to
electioneering,
which is, as I am
sure you are aware,
against federal law.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
also show why the
license renewal
process needs to
involve more than a
returned postcard.
Thank you.